**2022 San Angelo Sheep and Goat Skill-A-Thon Speech Topics**

**Juniors** – No speech

**Intermediates** – Choose one of the following topics and prepare a speech limited to 5 minutes maximum.

1. Identify or describe what you would look for if your lamb was sick.
2. What are some specific vitamins and minerals that need to be monitored in a show lamb diet?
3. What are the positive attributes of wool that make it a dynamic fiber for the textile industry?

**Seniors** – Choose one of the following topics and prepare a speech limited to 5 minutes maximum. Seniors will also be given a thought question after the presentation of his/her speech.

1. How can reproductive technologies (ultrasound, A.I., E.T., etc.) be beneficial to improving production?
2. Describe how to evaluate a lamb carcass. Include factors that influence the quality, determination of age, color of lean, and analysis of conformation.
3. Internal parasites are a major issue to the sheep industry. What are the management and/or breeding schemes that can help minimize or eliminate issues with internal parasites?

**Possible thought questions:**

1. Questions over selected speech topics.
2. Non-agriculturally based person.
3. Questions dealing with market lamb production.
4. How can hair sheep fit into Texas sheep production?
5. Explain the pros and cons of breeding ewe lambs.